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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON CARIBBEAN

1. NOW THAT IBRD, IDB AND CDB HAVE AGREED TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH CONSIDERATION OF A CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR
THE CARIBBEAN (SEPTTEL), WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND SOME OF OUR IDEAS WITH
SEVERAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND THE EEC ALONG THE
LINES OF OUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CANADIANS LAST
MONTH (STATE 230415).

2. AS CARIBBEAN TASK FORCE LEADER BUSHNELL SUGGESTED
INFORMALLY IN OTTAWA, WE BELIEVE SUCH AN APPROACH
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WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF OTHERS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH
US. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE ARE FEW DIFFERENCES
IN US, CANADA, UK POSITIONS. WHAT WE BELIEVE WOULD
BE IDEAL WOULD BE FOR ONE-TWO MAN AMERICAN DELEGATION
TO BE JOINED BY SIMILAR CANADIAN GROUP FOR DISCUSSIONS
IN LONDON FOLLO'ED BY THREE COUNTRY DELEGATION
VISITING OTHER CAPITALS SUCH AS BONN, BRUSSELS, THE

HAGUE AND PARIS.

3. WE ARE OPEN ON TIMING BUT SOONER THE BETTER. BUSHNELL
MUST BE BACK IN WASHINGTON BY OCTOBER 25. WE WOULD PREFER
EUROPEAN MEETING WEEK OF OCTOBER 10 OR WEEK OF OCTOBER 14.

4. PLEASE CONTACT SENIOR CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE
WILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EXERCISE AND POSSIBLE
DATES. WE SHALL THEN SUGGEST JOINT APPROACH TO UK AND
OTHER CAPITALS. CHRISTOPHER

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